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## 'Air Cover' Disclaimer Assailed by Goldwater

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Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) charged yesterday that Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy appeared to be trying to rewrite history in the "latest example of 'news management' by the New Frontier."

Goldwater was referring to a (Knight Newspapers) interview in which the Attorney General said no U. S. air cover was ever planned or promised for the ill-fated Bay of Pigs Cuban invasion attempt in 1961.

The Arizona Republican said the statement ran counter to everything the American people had been led to believe for 21 months.

"I suggest it is proper to inquire into this latest example of 'news management' by the New Frontier," Goldwater told the Senate. "Has this practice of the Administration now been extended to the rewriting of history in an image acceptable to the men present-

ly in charge of the national government?"

Goldwater said he talked with President Kennedy at the latter's request shortly after the invasion fiasco and "I certainly got the impression then that an air cover had been part of the original invasion plans."

Also, he told the Senate, "I am sure the entire American public has understood that the air cover was definitely in the invasion plans until the President was persuaded—by some still unidentified advisers—to cancel it."

Goldwater also took issue with a speech last Saturday in which Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson said the "rattlesnake in Cuba" has been defanged.

"I suggest it is a highly optimistic view and one which the United States cannot afford to adopt as a matter of policy," Goldwater said. "Castro's Cuba is still a menace to freedom in the Western Hemisphere."